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IMPROVED ARTICULAR SURGERY USING
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated June 16, 2005, for which a response was due on September 16, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 2 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 16, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

A **Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement** and two references are co-filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.